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1. The prevailing prices in Czechoslovakia for certain consumer articles at the end of 1953 were as follows:

<u>Commodity</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Price in Crowns</u>
Meats		
goose	kg	28
turkey	kg	25
pork	kg	32
beef	kg	22
ham	kg	60
Hungarian salami	kg	100
Breads		
black	kg	2.-2.80
white	kg	6.
rolls	each	.40
cookies (fine quality)	kg	30-36
Beverages		
coffee	kg	300
draught beer	$\frac{1}{3}$ liter	.70
bottled Pilsner	$\frac{1}{3}$ liter	2.20
domestic champagne (Melnik)	liter	52
cherry brandy (Griot)	liter	50

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<u>Commodity</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Price in Crowns</u>
<u>Fuel</u>		
brown coal	100 kg	30
coke	100 kg	42
briquettes	100 kg	35-40
anthracite	(not available to consumers)	
<u>Butter¹</u>		
1st Grade (Pure)	kg	52
2nd Grade	kg	48
3rd Grade	kg	44
Domestic woolen material	meter	600-700
Woolen scarf	each	250
Woolen socks (men's)	pair	90
Good-quality fountain pen	each	220
Oranges	kg	18
Canned crab meat (Soviet)	can	5

2. The following prices were on the menu of the Prague railroad station restaurant:

Table d'Hôte meals	7.50-8.50
A la Carte	
Crab & mayonnaise	5.50
Chicken & mayonnaise	6
Russian eggs	4.50
Bouillon with egg	3.50
Beef broth	1.50
Duck	12.50
Breaded veal outlet (100 gr)	10.
Roast beef (100 gr)	12.
Desserts	4-4.50
Mocha	2.80
Turkish coffee	3.50

Comment: The second and third grade butters contain a certain proportion of margarine. In July 1953, only third-grade butter was available on the market.

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Comment: Soviet-produced canned goods are relatively very cheap, ranging between five and 10 crowns for various types of canned fish. Canned goods preserved in oil, however, are about triple the price of those not in oil.

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